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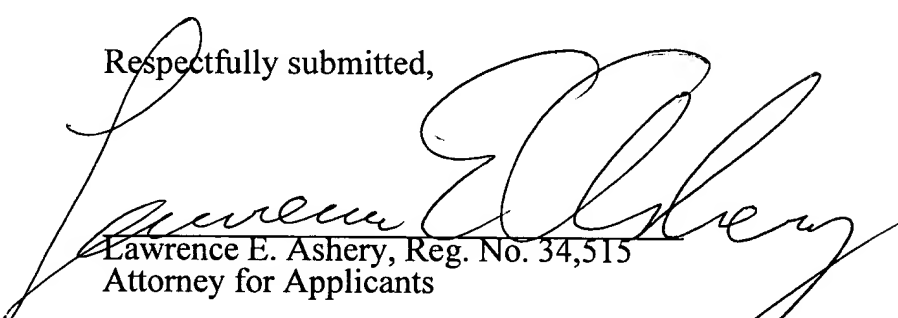
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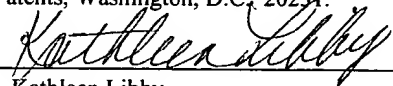
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		1	Japanese search report for PCT/JP00/00963 dated May 2, 2000.
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